



Modern Education Society's **NEW LAW COLLEGE**

Prin. Y. Phanse Memorial 4th State Level Online Essay Competition 2026 on Women's Rights & Their Protection



Prin. Y. Phanse

Mr. Y. P. Phanse served as the Principal of Modern Education Society's New Law College, Mumbai, from 1994 to 1999.

His dedicated leadership and commitment to academic excellence contributed significantly to the institution's development and to the advancement of legal education.

About New Law College:

New Law College was established in 1954. It is one of the prestigious and reputed Law College in Mumbai.

The Vision of the College:

- To achieve excellence in imparting legal education so as to meet the social and professional needs.
- To spread legal awareness.

The Mission of the College:

- Creating an environment that nurtures ethics, leadership and team building.
- Developing dispute resolution skills by imparting knowledge and providing hands-on experience.
- Providing industrial experience for minimizing the gap between academic and industry

Objective of the Essay Competition:

The objective of the Research based Essay Writing Competition is to encourage participants to combine the research-oriented, evidence-based analysis inclusive of their opinion on contemporary issues concerning women.

The competition aims to cultivate critical thinking, independent research, and effective written communication while inspiring meaningful engagement with issues of equality, justice, and social change. By being conducted in an online mode, the competition provides participants with the flexibility to undertake comprehensive research, access diverse and credible sources, and produce well-informed and original essays.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to students pursuing any undergraduate programme in a college or institution recognized by a university in India.
- There is no restriction on the number of participants from any eligible institution.
- Interested participants are required to register individually by completing the registration form and paying the prescribed registration fee.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Z9PvdRkHDcrpcUmg7> is mandatory for the participant to register on the given link.
- Link Opens - 3rd August, 2026.
- Link Closes- 22nd August, 2026.
- Registration Fees: Rs. 300/- per student.



Bank Details

- Name of Bank: Bank of Maharashtra
- Account Name: Modern education Society's New Law College
- Account No: 20073837921
- Branch name: THK Marg, Mahim, Mumbai 400016
- IFSC code: MAHB0000093

Important Dates

- Last date for registration: 22nd August 2026 till 6.00 pm.
- Essay Submission Deadline: 22nd August 2026 till 6.00 pm.
- Result declaration - 15th September 2026 through registered emails only.

Essay Topics

01. Need for reformation in personal laws for woman equality.
02. Punished for Speaking Up: The Social and Psychological Burden on Women Reporting Crimes.
03. Constitutional Morality vs. Religious Practices: Women's Autonomy in India.
04. Intersectionality in Leadership: Understanding the Unequal Treatment of Women Leaders.
05. Mental Health and Women: A Matter of Rights, Dignity, and Care.



Prizes

- 1st Prize: Rs. 2000/-
 - 2nd Prize: Rs. 1000/-
- (Subject to the entries. Minimum 15 entries are required.)
- E-Certificate of Participation shall be given to all the participants.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Format

- The title of the essay shall be followed by the participant's Full Name, Year of Study, Name of the College/University, Email Address, and Contact Number (preferably WhatsApp).
- Each participant may submit only one essay on any one of the above mentioned topics.
- Co-authorship is not permitted.
- Word Limit: 1,500–2,000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).
- Language : English Only
- Line Spacing: Single-spaced.
- Font: Times New Roman.
- Font Size: 12 pt (Body Text).
- Title: 14 pt, Bold, Centre Aligned.
- Footnote (Citation Style): Bluebook.
- Bibliography: A bibliography listing all books, journal articles, reports, statutes, cases, websites, and other resources referred to in the essay shall be included at the end of the submission.
- Wherever appropriate, participants are encouraged to substantiate their arguments with relevant data, statistics, case studies, policy documents, judicial decisions, academic literature, reports, charts, graphs, tables, or other authentic sources to strengthen the quality of their analysis.

Marking Criteria

- Content of Essay- 20 Marks
- Writing style (Language, knowledge, analysis) -20 Marks
- Research and Relevance (Logical, analytical approach) -20 Marks
- Organization and Flow -20 Marks
- Formatting Rules as prescribed -20 Marks

(The marks for the Submissions shall not be disclosed).

Patron

Dr. Shivani S. Shelar

I/C Principal

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Originality & Integrity

- The essay must be the original, unpublished work
- Essays must be non-plagiarized
- Use of AI tools for research assistance (e.g., background reading, structuring ideas) is permitted; however, the final essay must reflect the author's own independent analysis and writing. Essays found to be substantially AI-generated will be disqualified. Decision of the event committee shall be final and binding.
- The writing should be free of grammatical errors and overlapping/repetitive content.
- There should be structural coherence, the introduction and conclusion of the essay should be proper, rational, and well-connected to the body.
- Essays must refrain from defamatory statements, unverified allegations, or personal attacks against any individual, institution, or authority. The organizing committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry violating this rule.

Submission Process

- The essay must be e-mailed to mesnlcevent@gmail.com ONLY. Essays shall NOT be accepted in any other form (e.g., hard copy, WhatsApp, other email IDs, or physical submission).
- File naming convention: Name_Institution_TopicNumber.docx (e.g., PriyaSharma_NLC_Topic3.docx).
- Email subject line format: "Essay Submission – [Full Name] – [Topic No.]"
- Submission after the deadline will not be considered.
- Participants will receive an acknowledgment email within 48 hours of submission. If no acknowledgment is received, participants must contact [backup email/phone number] to confirm receipt of their entry.

Event Coordinator

Dr. Pradnya Paturkar

Assistant Professor